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Wesley Stewart, aged 4 months, was instantly killed, Dorothy Stewart, aged 2 years, was fatally injured; Allice Bosch, a negro nurse, sustained a fracture of the left thigh and dislocated hip; Mrs. A. J. Stewart, the mother of the dead and injured children, was badly bruised and suffered a serious nervous shock when the Atlanta and West Point train No. 18, from Columbus to Atlanta, came into violent collision with the automobile driven by A. J. Stewart, a furniture dealer of 168 Peters street, Atlanta, Ga., some two blocks beyond the end of the car line at College Park, Sunday morning.

To Vote on Bond Issue. On May 16th the voters of Ocala will vote as to whether or not bonds amounting to \$100,000 to buy or build a city water plant shall or shall not be issued. Naturally, the most progressive citizens of Ocala are in favor of this bond issue, and hope that it can be put through by a popular vote of the people.

MORE MONEY SAVED.

Commissioners Laid Off \$5,000 From Birmingham, Ala., Payroll. Birmingham's new commissioners met and lopped off \$5,000 more from the city's annual pay rolls. This action brings the total reductions within a week to nearly \$80,000, which would be four per cent. interest on a \$2,000,000 bond issue.

The ax fell this time on the police and judicial departments. Enthusiastic citizens, some of whom were formerly opposed to the change of the form of city government, called on the commission to indorse its actions and policies as outlined.

Memorial Day Observed. Memorial day was observed in a fitting manner in Jacksonville, an impressive program of exercises having been arranged by R. E. Lee Camp No. 58, U. C. V., Martha Reid chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and Winnie Davis chapter, Children of the Confederacy. The services were held at the south gate of the old cemetery.

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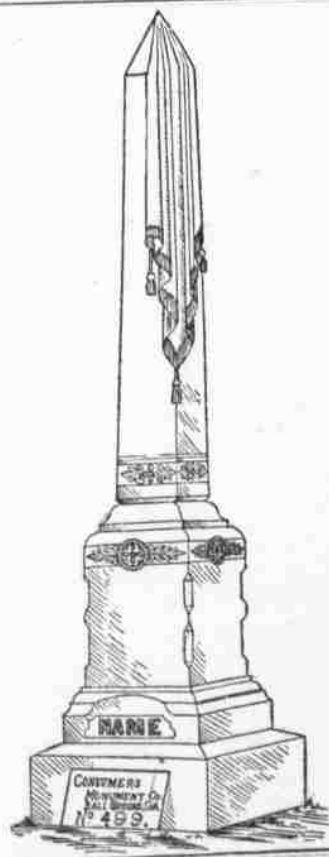
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WANTS LIGHTING FRANCHISE

F. R. Clarke of Jacksonville Petitions City Council. Citizens Want City to Borrow \$25,000 for More Paving.

At the meeting of the city council on Tuesday night the committee to whom was referred the proposition for calling an election in which the people could pass on the advisability of the city's borrowing \$25,000 to do additional paving, recommended holding such an election. The committee was in favor of the proposition.

There were a number of prominent citizens present, however, to whom this amount did not seem sufficient and some of them urged the council to ask for a loan of \$25,000 instead of \$12,500. Among those present were D. W. Ramsaur, F. D. Wattle, Dr. E. W. Warren, C. E. Rowton and others.

The council decided to refer the report back to the committee with instructions to consider the \$25,000 proposition and report at a meeting to be held on Wednesday night. There was no quorum present on Wednesday night, however, and the meeting to which this committee will report will be held next Monday night instead.

There was an application for an electric lighting franchise for the city, the same coming from F. R. Clarke of Jacksonville, who is also interested in the company operating the Squier mill in this city on lease.

Mr. Clarke's application is as follows: To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, Palatka, Fla. Gentlemen:—The undersigned hereby respectfully petitions your honorable body to grant the right and franchise to erect poles and wires and do a general electric lighting business, and if granted said franchise, he will equip a thoroughly up-to-date lighting plant, furnishing all night service to the citizens of Palatka, together with day service for both lighting and power, provided he can get the city contract for street lighting on a basis fair and equitable to both parties. Respectfully submitted, F. R. CLARKE.

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St. James' Methodist Church. H. DILLON, Pastor.

The "Stars" are to be given out next Sunday, come and get your star and keep on toward greater things. The Sunday school will make an offering for missions and the primary class will give a missionary exercise.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning hour.

A cordial welcome to all.

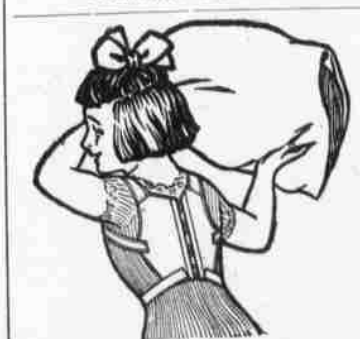
Drainage Bill Passed.

Senator Hilburn's drainage bill for the benefit of the Florahome district of this county and which passed the senate some three weeks ago, was taken up in the House by Mr. Hilburn last week and also passed. The bill is now in the hands of the governor for his signature.



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ANTI-RACE TRACK BILL PASSES.

Capital Removal Measure Killed in House Wednesday.

Attempt to Bribe Representative Wall.

The Florida Legislature has finally gotten down to business, for now that the anti-race track bill has passed both houses and is up to the governor for approval, the one measure that has retarded legislation has been removed.

The anti-race track and anti-gambling in any form bill came up as a special order in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, having previously passed the Senate unanimously.

There was not a word said in favor of the bill, and no word against it. Many speeches had been prepared, but it was not necessary for any one to be delivered, for at 3:15, when the two bills, the Terrell bill and the Sloan senate bill, came up as the special order Mr. Chase of Duval, leader of the fight for a continuation of the race track charter, threw up the sponge, as it were, and his friends followed him, most of them with good grace, one or two ungraciously.

The back of the opposition to the bill was broken last night. Up to that time the race track caucus claimed confidently they would win, and this morning, with defeat staring them in the face, still clung to the straw and said they had a majority and one to spare.

The bombshell in the camp last night was formal notice from Representative Riley Dorman of Suwannee that they must not count on him as either against the bill or any amendments which would contravene its principle. There went with Mr. Dorman, Representatives Wilson of St. Johns and Jennings of Hamilton, each of whom gave the same sort of notice.

When the bill finally came to vote every member of the House voted except Mr. Rogers of Marion, who voted no.

The House was occupied most of the morning hour on Thursday with Mr. MacWilliams' capital removal bill. This bill provided for submitting a vote of the qualified electors at the next general election the proposition as to whether or not the state capital shall be moved to some point east of the Suwannee river, and providing how the location shall be determined should the result of the election be favorable to the removal of the capital.

The location of the state capital is fixed by the constitution, and, in order to remove the capital it is necessary first for the legislature to adopt a joint resolution proposing the necessary amendment. To pass an amendment, a majority of each branch are required, to submit the matter to the people, and to adopt the amendment a majority vote of the people is necessary.

Mr. MacWilliams' bill was ingenious in that it sought to evade the three-fifths vote and would require but a majority. Its constitutionality, however, has always been regarded as doubtful, and had the bill passed, would surely have been attacked in the courts. But the bill failed by a vote 43 to 27.

The failure of this measure was a great relief to the people of Tallahassee.

Bribery Attempt Charged.

Representative Wall, of Bradford, introduced in the house this morning a resolution asking for the investigation of the rumor that bribes were being offered members of the legislature to influence their votes and he asked that a committee of five be appointed to investigate the rumor and report to the house. Mr. Wall said he was prompted to introduce the resolution by an experience such as he never had before in his life. He said that when he was on his way home yesterday afternoon he was handed a telegram envelope which he put into his pocket.

After his supper he went to his room, opened the envelope to read its contents, and to his great surprise found therein a hundred-dollar bill, and two fifty-dollar bills. There was no scrap of writing to indicate whence the money came. He was much worried and disturbed and called in his friend, Senator Baker, to consult with him as to what was best to do to come out of the affair creditably.

It was decided finally to call the envelope, this was done and Mr. Wall gave him the money with this emphatic injunction: "Give this back to the man who gave it to you with my compliments and tell him to go to hell."

Addressing the house Mr. Wall said: "I do not know from whom this money originally came, whether from the race track, county division or the railroads, but it is certain that an effort is being made to influence the members of this legislature with the use of bribes."

When Mr. Wall mentioned the message which he sent, the house and gallery applauded with a clapping of hands and the resolution went through with a rush. It had been Mr. Terrell's plan to ask that the house immediately resolve itself into a committee of the whole and investigate the matter right off the bat. He did make the motion, but as it practically rescinded the action of the house in its adoption of the Wall resolution it failed to pass.

To Abolish County Treasurer. After a spirited debate on Monday the senate passed senate joint resolution No. 18, providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in the various counties of Florida. Senator Miller said the enactment of the measure would mean an annual saving to the state of over a quarter of a million dollars.

AN INEBRIATE HOSPITAL.

Bill to Be Introduced by Representative Watson.

As soon as he gathers a few more statistics and gets together the necessary data, Representative Watson, of Duval county, will introduce either a bill or a concurrent resolution, providing for the establishment of a hospital for inebriates and the insane for whites only, to be located near the center of the state. The measure probably will provide for the appointment by the government of a commission, composed of three physicians, a lawyer and a business man, who will recommend a site and suggest plans for the establishment and maintenance of the proposed institution.

This commission will be instructed to report to the next session of the legislature, and at that time steps will be taken for the establishment of the institution for the insane and inebriates.

JACKSONVILLE'S RESURRECTION

From Ruins of Ten Years Ago Most Wonderful.

Wednesday, May 3rd, Was Tenth Anniversary of Great Fire.

Just ten years ago today, Jacksonville lay prostrate: the city proper being a heap of smoldering and smoking ruins from devastating conflagration, which swept from west to east, and from north to south on the afternoon of Friday, May 3, 1901.

It was the most rapid fire, considering the area covered, on record. Commencing at 12:35 p. m., it burned with unabated fury until 8:30 o'clock that evening, during which time 148 squares including principal business and residence portions were completely wiped out, entailing a property loss of over \$15,000,000, the loss of seven lives and rendering over 12,000 people homeless.

Fire Discovered

It was at the hour mentioned, while workmen at the Cleveland fibre factory, at the corner of West Benner and Davis streets, in the extreme northwestern portion of the city, were at dinner, that some of the dry fibre, spread on a large platform used for drying purposes, caught fire from sparks from a neighboring chimney. The watchman employed at the factory to guard against fire, was at that time also taking dinner with the rest of the employees.

He soon observed that there was fire among the fibre, and called for help. Other workmen came to his assistance, and bucket after bucket of water was thrown upon the burning mass, but without avail. The wind came up and caught fragments of the dry fibre, sending fire rolling through the yards and into the building, where was stored immense quantities of the substance.

Excellent Fuel.

Offering excellent fuel, flames had soon entirely enveloped the factory. The alarm had been sent in, and the fire department responded in all haste. In vain the department battled with the fury of the flames to prevent their spread. With a roar the iron roof of the building fell in, and then was added a feature for which all experience had left the department unprepared—from left the glowing depths of the unroofed structure masses of flaming moss rose high in the air and were carried far and wide over the city in every direction by eddies, or by the strong east wind.

Dry as tinder, the woods in the vicinity added their quota of material to fuel to the fire, upon which Jacksonville was to be given over to the flames. Driven back step by step, the firemen were soon helpless, for the battle was hopelessly lost, and the defeat became a reality. The conflagration spread a mighty whirlwind of its own, and when the sun, a blood red disk, glowing through pall of smoke which served as the city's funeral shroud, dropped from sight in the western heavens, Jacksonville was a sea of ashes.

Mighty Resurrection.

One hundred and forty-five blocks were burned upon which had stood 2,368 structures. The fire swept a tract two miles long, from west to east, and over half a mile wide, covering an area of 455 acres.

The resurrection of the city has been nothing more than wonderful. In place of the 2,368 structures which were burned, 11,162 have been erected since the day, ten years ago. Of these 10,337 are frame structures and 765 are brick and stone. This record is up to May 1, 1911. Likewise, it is estimated that the valuation of these structures alone reaches the tremendous sum of \$27,747,986.

The property loss in the fire of \$15,000,000 included everything—value of burned structures, furnishings, contents and what not. There hardly remains a scar of the conflagration. The city is new, modern and in every respect greater than the one destroyed. It is doubtful if any city in the world can equal this record, which demonstrates that the Florida metropolis is growing wonderfully, substantially, steadily and in such proportions as will eventually make it one of the great cities of the New South.—Wednesday's Times-Union.

Bridge Gives Trouble.

The traffic bridge which spans the St. Johns river at Palatka was out of commission for several days during the past week, but it is again open to traffic, having been repaired by Mr. D. J. Coughlin, County Engineer. Canova states that the bridge was never properly adjusted, and does not swing level; that the base running gear isn't level and that three segments of the gear were broken and also that the axle was twisted. The general impression is that the bridge draw was never properly adjusted and the gear is too light. Anyway the bridge has given considerable trouble in swinging in stormy days with the wind blowing.

Mr. Canova has had correspondence with the Converse Bridge Co., of Chattanooga, builders of the bridge and this company will place the structure in proper shape.

The fact that the bridge was out of commission for several days proved its value. There were any number of complaints, and many teams and automobiles now accustomed to passing to and fro at will are sure the bridge is one of the necessities, and all Palatka is at a loss to understand how the city ever got along without it.

"HAREEM SKIRT" BILL.

Representative Tidwell Says His Measure is no "Freak" One.

A Tallahassee, Fla., dispatch says: Representative J. H. Tidwell presents any reference to his "hareem skirt" bill as a "freak" measure. The legislator recently introduced in the Florida house a bill prohibiting the wearing on the streets, or in public places, hareem or hobble skirts. It was referred to the committee on Indian affairs, which reported favorably without amendment. The editor of a Florida paper, commenting on the Tidwell measure, called it a "freak." The author of the bill has written the editor in part as follows: "You have published repeatedly that a bill introduced by me, and known as the hareem skirt bill, was a freak. This is no freak. The best class of ladies in the state are opposed to the hareem skirt, and through the request of an aged lady, who resides in Jackson county, I introduced this bill."

RUSSELL DIXON WINS 2nd PRIZE

Of Fifty Dollars at State Spelling Contest.

Winner A Bright Pupil in Palatka School.

At the state spelling contest in Tallahassee last week in which there were contestants from 32 Florida counties, Miss Dean Thomas of Kissimmee won the first prize of a gold medal and \$100 in gold when she spelled down the whole class.

All the contestants at Tallahassee were winners in their respective county contests. Russell Dixon of Palatka won the second prize of \$50, while the third prize of \$25 went to Miss Ethel Allen of Tallahassee, and Miss Hortenz Stollitz of Tampa was presented with a gold pin mounted with the great seal of the state. Russell Dixon, winner of the second prize of \$50 was the winner in the Putnam county spelling contest of last March and as such was sent to represent Putnam county in the state contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Dixon of Palatka Heights and is a 10th grade pupil in the city high school. He is a bright pupil and excels not only in spelling but in other studies.

Young Dixon states that in going over the selected list of words at the state contest the ranks of the contestants was very slightly weakened. Then the judges took the dictionary and they went down more rapidly, and until only the young lady from Kissimmee and himself were left. He has an impression that the judges favored (as would be natural) the young lady by giving her easier words. Any way he was the first to drop. He is perfectly satisfied, as indeed he should be, for to take second rank among the selected spellers of 32 counties in Florida is a great honor and worthily bestowed.

Of the winner the Pensacola Journal says:

"A girl from Kissimmee won the first prize in the state spelling contest. But that was only natural—she had to be a good speller to know how to spell the town from which she comes."

The County Commissioners.

The meeting of the board of County Commissioners this week ran through two days because of an immense amount of detail work in connection with the work of the trustees for county bonds, together with a great number of road and other matters.

When the clerk's office has compiled the minutes of the two days' work it will be possible for the News to record the special resolutions passed by the board.

One matter of importance was the resolution instructing the clerk to publish notice that a special road tax of three mills will be levied July 5th, said notice of 60 days being given in order that tax payers may protest, and as required by law.

Mrs. F. A. Miller was appointed tender of the Rice Creek bridge at a salary of \$17.00 per month. Her bond of \$100 for faithful performance of the duties and responsibilities of the office was approved.

The board also adopted a resolution introduced by Commissioner Timmons, that automobiles passing over bridges in Putnam county at a greater speed than four miles an hour shall be punished as the law prescribes, and that notices to this effect be posted.

Commissioner Moody and County Engineer Canova were authorized by the board to get up a map of the county showing the county's hard roads, and to furnish a copy to H. H. Richardson, secretary of the Jacksonville board of trade.

INTERLACHEN ITEMS.

Lewis Motes has purchased the old Devereux store building just across the street from the A. C. L. railway station, and has a force of workmen engaged at remodeling and repairing the structure. When completed Mr. Motes will use the first floor as a general store, and the family will occupy the second floor as a dwelling. This old building has long been a blot on the face of the town because of its uncared for, disreputable appearance, and there is general rejoicing that at last it is to be put to some good use.

An enjoyable open-air session of the Sunshine Society was held on Mrs. Brush's spacious piazza Tuesday afternoon, a merry social hour following the formal business meeting. Messages from absent members and friends were exchanged—and a committee appointed to prepare a program for the next meeting, to be held at the home of Miss Coburn.

S. G. Coburn and family were Sunday guests at the Lake View. Roy Garman, who during the last winter was extensively engaged in truck gardening in the southern part of the state is now visiting with relatives here.

Miss Kate Wood, who has been quite seriously ill for the past week is now reported as somewhat improved.

Our "Little Secretary" Miss Townsend, dearly loved by all Endeavorers, left Thursday for Tampa, and will attend the C. E. convention in St. Petersburg, also will visit other C. E. centers of activity before returning home.

Mrs. Anna C. Jones entertained the children's Civic Improvement Society and other invited guests at a delightful social, Wednesday afternoon, at "Annecrot."

Among those of our townspeople journeying to Palatka on business bent, this week, are J. H. Wiley, L. W. Nagle and J. Frazer.

Mrs. Anna M. Brewer and Miss Alice Evans made a trip to Palatka Tuesday evening in one of the company automobiles.

Chas. H. Seig, "The man who made Florida," visited Interlachen Wednesday with a party of five distinguished gentlemen from various parts of our country, and as usual on such visits, made home at the Lake View hostelry.

The long continued drought was broken Tuesday by a refreshing shower, and every one is hoping that "still there's more to follow" in the near future. Many of our citizens heretofore dependent upon cisterns for water supply have had wells made this spring, and are now in a measure independent of the rains, for household use, but gardens and fruit trees are suffering seriously.

Dr. Gertrude S. Davis, Osteopathic Physician, will be at the Kupperbusch Hotel Tuesday and Friday of each week from 11:30 to 4:30 p. m.